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Examiner: M. Rao

For: Mannanases

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph at page 7, line 1:

DRCL BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows a phylogenic tree generated from ARP program relating closest species to *Bacillus sp.* 1633.

Figure 2 shows a phylogenic tree generated from ARP program relating closest species to *Bacillus halodurans*.

Figure 3 shows a phylogenic tree generated from ARP program relating closest species to *Bacillus sp.* AA1 12.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add a brief description of the figures. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

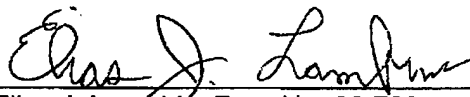
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The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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